

Meeting Minutes Approved by School Committee: 1/08/2009

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 7:30PM at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I

Agenda item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Costa at 7:43pm.

Members Absent: Rosa Crowley, District 1

Staff in attendance: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent

Susan C. Carney, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent

Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Agenda item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda item #3: Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mrs. Beaulieu

Second by Mr. Pedro and Mr. Pearson

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #4: Vote for Confirmation of Election of Officers

Motion to table Agenda item #4 until after item number #12 by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Pearson

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #5: Recognition of Achievements

The school committee and administration presented a plaque to CHS Principal Dorothy Gould and CHS Asst. Principal Donna Zanelli in recognition of the CHS accreditation by NEASC.

Agenda item #6: Chairperson's Report

No report presented

Agenda item #7: Superintendent's Report on Teaching and Learning

Agenda item #8: Student Government Report

Presented by Cherene Albatal

Agenda item #9: Youth Commission Report

Presented by Dylan Schaffer and Alexandra Curran

Agenda item #10: Comments from the Public

No comments

Agenda item #11: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills

Motion to approve register for total \$1,158,236.07 by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Pearson

Unanimous approval (6-0)

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Contract with

Gatekeeper/403(b) Administrator

Motion to approve contract with Gatekeeper/403(b) Administrator by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #12: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

1) Open Session: 11/13/08, 11/24/08

Motion to amend the 11/13/08 minutes on Page 5, Line 1 after the text “Roll call vote?” to reflect Mr. Kelly’s vote as “No” by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the 11/13/08 minutes as amended by Mr. Wood

Second by Mr. Pedro

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the 11/24/08 minutes by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #13: Approval of Minutes

A. Executive Session: 10/9/08, 11/24/08

Motion to approve the executive session minutes of 10/9/08 and 11/24/08 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Kelly

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #14: Personnel Recommendations

Motion to approve the resignation of Kyle Labranche, Wrestling Coach, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 11/17/2008 by Mr. Wood

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the retirement of Joyce Seravo, Special Educator, at Cumberland High School, effective 4/15/2008 by Mrs. Beaulieu

Second by Mr. Pearson

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion by Mr. Wood, second by Mr. Pedro to approve the appointments of:

Derek Davenport, Indoor/Outdoor Track Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School effective 12/12/2008

Stephen Gorman, Wrestling Coach, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 12/12/2008

Jonathan Paquin, Assistant Boy's Hockey Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 12/12/2008

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to table the appointments of John Elkas, Asst. Football Coach,

at Cumberland High School, effective 12/12/2008 and Matthew Grochowski, Asst. Football Coach at Cumberland High School effective 12/12/2008 by Mrs. Beaulieu

Second by Mr. Pedro

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA Maternity Leave of Cathleen Cordeiro effective 11/10/2008 with a return date of 3/9/2009 by Mrs. Beaulieu

Second by Mr. Kelly

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA Maternity Leave of Shannan Davis effective 2/23/2009 with a return date of 6/1/2009 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Pedro

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA Maternity Leave of Kimberly Dorrance effective 1/5/2009 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA Maternity Leave of Kristen Marshall effective 12/22/2008 with a return date of 4/20/2009 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA Maternity Leave of Vanessa Soito effective 2/27/2009 with a return date of 6/8/2009 by Mr. Pearson
Second by Mr. Wood
Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #15: New Business

A. FY 09 Budget Update

B. FY 2009-2010 Budget Timeline

C. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 Exception (9) Grievances:

1) Vote on CTA Grievance 2008-2009: 08-09-#01

2) Vote on ICSE Grievance 2007-08: 07-08-#21

3) Vote on ICSE Grievance 2008-09: 08-09-#06

4) Vote on ICSE Grievance 2008-09: 08-09-#07

5) Vote on ICSE Grievance 2008-09: 08-09-#08

6) Vote on ICSE Grievance 2008-09: 08-09-#09

Motion to postpone the vote on CTA and ICSE grievances until a further date by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Agenda item #16: Comments from the Public

Mr. James McLaughlin and Ms. Jayne Williamson addressed the school committee.

Agenda item #17: School Committee Comments (School Liaison

Reports)

Agenda item #18: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion/Vote of Items Referred to in RIGL 42-46-5: Negotiations/Litigation – Exception (2)

Mr. Rotella and the committee discussed that the committee would like to take up the necessary matters at a later date. No vote was taken.

Agenda item #19: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at: 9:37 pm

Ryan Pearson, Clerk

Cumberland School Committee